



MINUTES

FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Diamondhead, Mississippi

**Diamondhead Country Club
Emerald Ballroom
January 22, 2013
1:00 pm**

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1. **Call to Order**—Mayor Ingraham called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
 2. **Invocation**—Mayor Ingraham
 3. **Pledge of Allegiance**—Councilmember Holcomb
 4. **Roll Call**—The following members of Council were present: Mayor Ingraham, Dianne Ackerman, Hank Holcomb, Ernie Knobloch, Ron Rech, Dalton Roberson. The City Attorney was absent and Attorney Joe Montgomery attended for Mr. Williams.
 5. **Approval of Minutes**—none
 6. **Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order**—Remove Item 13B; add items 7d, 7e.
Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, to accept the adjusted order of the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously and was passed.
 7. **Communications/Announcements from the Mayor and Council**
 - a. City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2013 in observance of the President's Day Holiday. The regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in Council Chambers of the Diamondhead City Hall.
 - b. City Birthday Celebration, 10 a.m. February 6, 2013, Council Chambers, Diamondhead City Hall
 - c. State of the City Address, 6 p.m. February 6, 2013, Council Chambers, Diamondhead City Hall
 - d. Recessed Meeting will be held January 24, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. Diamondhead Community Center, to be recessed and reconvened at the new city hall.
 - e. Qualifying Forms to run for the offices of Mayor and Council are available at the City Clerk's office at City Hall.
 8. **Presentations / Appointments**
 - a. Appointment and Oath of Office of Nita Hensley to the Planning and Zoning Commission—Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to appoint Nita Hensley to fill the unexpired portion of Russell Love's term on the Planning and Zoning Commission, effective immediately, to expire March 1, 2013. The Mayor administered the oath of office to Ms. Hensley.
 - b. Oath of Office—Paul Montjoy, Beautification Chairperson—Mayor Ingraham administered the oath of office to Mr. Montjoy.
 - c. Hancock County Hazard Mitigation Update—Councilmember Holcomb gave an update on the recent meeting of the Hancock county Hazard Mitigation Committee and Flood Plain Protection Plan.
 9. **City Manager's Report**
 - a. City Hall is being prepared with touch up painting and landscaping. Mr. Montjoy is developing a plan for the landscaping and meeting with Waste Management and Keep America Beautiful campaign in an effort to get grants to beautify the landscape.

- b. Capt. Hermann was recognized and reported on actions of the Police Department to protect the citizens of Diamondhead on a daily basis. He indicated that problems in Diamondhead are under control and that an officer should be passing each home at least once a day on patrol. Warning tickets continue to be issued to citizens in order to get them acclimated to the police presence.
 - c. The City Manager reported that several weeks ago a number of Public Works employees came over from the POA. One had interest in GIS and is currently being trained on the system, a valuable asset to the Public Works Department and the City.
 - d. MDOT safety training has taken place and our Public Works employees are picking up trash on the Interchange.
 - e. Municipal Court will be held twice a month on the first (pleas) and fourth (trials) Tuesdays. The city's first trial date set for January 29 with 35 cases set.
 - f. Crusin' the Coast has tentatively accepted Diamondhead as part of the CTC family. Councilmember Holcomb gave an outline of the proposal from Mark Duffy and Paul Mucho which include a cruise thru Diamondhead on Wednesday of the CTC about 3 p.m. and a Blessing of the Classics at one of the circles. Volunteers will be needed for this event.
 - g. The City Manager introduced Wayne Cooper who will serve the City as the volunteer public information coordinator.
 - h. Councilmember Knobloch indicated that Jim Sweetman donated a desk to the City this morning.
 - i. Councilmember Ackerman questioned the City Manager regarding the speed limit signs at the firehouse.
10. **Docket of Claims**—Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, to accept the Docket of Claims. The motion carried unanimously and was passed.
11. **Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Agenda Items** Limit of 3 minutes per person
None

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously and was passed.

12. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**—P/E 12.31.12
13. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**
- a. Agreement for Professional Services Between the City of Diamondhead and Seymour Engineering

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

14. **Ordinances and/or Resolutions pulled from the Consent Agenda**
None

REGULAR AGENDA

15. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Ordinance Revising Meeting Dates of Council meetings—Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, that the regular meetings of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead should be held the first and third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the new City Hall at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, and that the Ordinance should supersede Ordinance 2012-001. The motion carried unanimously and was passed.
- b. Letter Supporting the Concept for a Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home in Diamondhead—Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, that the City Council should support the concept for a Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home in Diamondhead, as requested by Dr. Harold Dawley, Jr. The motion carried unanimously and was passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Councilmember Ackerman and second by Councilmember Knobloch, the Council voted unanimously to go into Closed Session to determine the need for an Executive Session at 2:06 p.m.

Upon motion by Councilmember Knobloch and second by Councilmember Roberson, the Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss potential legal action and personnel action.


Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson and second by Councilmember Ackerman, the Council voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.


Upon motion by Councilmember Holcomb at 2:54 p.m. and second by Ackerman, the Council voted unanimously to return to the Regular meeting. All who were present when the closed session began were again present when the session ended. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

16. **Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Non-Agenda Items** Limit of 3 minutes per person
None

17. **RECESS OR ADJOURN**—Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to recess until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 24 at Community Center. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was recessed.



Charles H. Ingraham, Jr., Mayor
Date: February 19, 2013



Sue W. Foster, City Clerk

Meeting Notice Posted at City Hall on January 17, 2013.